



# FREE MASONRY



## ODD FELLOWSHIP

Continued from last week.

**STATISTICS OF FREEMASONRY.** Although, strictly speaking, this word "statistics," has reference to the present condition, resources and influence of whatever nation or society one may have under consideration, we shall depart a little from these limits, and introduce a few items which we deem important, that belong more properly to the history of the institution. Masonry now has gained a foothold and influence in nearly every country on the face of the earth.

It exists to-day, and exercises an immense power in every country of Europe; its Lodges cover the American continent, are found in Northern and Southern Africa, in the East and West Indies; indeed, the Freemason can hardly travel into any part of the world but he will find Lodges to receive him, and fraternal sympathy and assistance, if he is sick or in distress.

In no country, however, excepting England and Germany, has the Order a connected history reaching beyond the year of the revival, A. D. 1717. In the former kingdom the records of the Fraternity have been so well preserved that we gather from them a pretty correct view of its administration and condition through a long period of years.

**STRICT OBSERVANCE, RITE OF.** This was the third attempt at innovation upon the purer systems of Freemasonry by the Jesuits. It encouraged in its adepts the hope of coming into possession of the wealth of the ancient Templars. The chronological history of its Grand Masters is nothing more than the history of the generals of the Jesuits.

It was established in Germany, in 1754, by Baron von Hund (Charles Gotthelf), and a few of his associate. Six degrees only were conferred. They were, 1. Apprentice; 2. Fellow Craft; 3. Master Mason; 4. Scotch Master; on the breast-board of this degree were represented a lion, emblem of fearlessness, courage and calm fortitude; a fox, the symbol of prudence; an ape, signifying the faculty of imitation, and a sparrow-hawk, typical of swiftness. The Scotch Master, having been found worthy of advancement, was then received in the fifth degree as a Novice; and in the sixth was created a Knight Templar. This latter degree was divided into three branches, viz: Armiger,

those who were not of noble birth or rank; Socii et Amici, or those who were already Knights of some order, and Equites, or Knights.

Each Armiger, Socius or Eques, received on his initiation a knightly name, coat of arms and motto. Von Hund afterward instituted a seventh degree, styled Eques Professus, which he surrounded with an unusual amount of mystery, and conferred the degree on those only who could be of the greatest service to him or his schemes. The whole of Europe was apportioned into nine "Provinces," the seventh of which included the northern part of Germany, between the Elbe and Oder.

While Von Hund was in Paris he actually contemplated the establishment of colonies in North America and on the coast of Labrador, and afterward in Russia.

In 1768, he endeavored to dispose of his property to the order, at a very low price, in order to furnish dwellings for the officers, but, owing to the mistrust of the brethren, the arrangement fell through, and this plan cost him more than one-half his wealth. In 1766 a brother, by the name of Schubarth, proposed a so-called "Economic Plan," by which he proposed a regular system of graduated assessments upon the Lodges, a sort of sliding-scale of fees, which, on paper, presented a beautiful design and an enormous result.

The plan, however, failed, a large majority of the brethren not being sufficiently credulous to embark in the speculation. Some Lodges, however, who had, in accordance with the plan, commenced the collection of a fund for the above purpose, soon found themselves enabled to erect handsome halls for their accommodation, and thus laid the foundation for acquiring considerable property.

Von Hund, as "Heermeister" of the seventh Province, dwelt at Sonnenburg, on his own estates, from whence he governed his Province and issued his decrees.

This order was well organized, gave proof of great strength and exercised a powerful influence over all similar organizations during its existence throughout Europe. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which had been constituted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1740, went over to the Strict Observance in 1765, and each of its members was obliged to sign an act of obedience, abjuring its former system of York Masonry, and

vowing implicit obedience and allegiance to the superiors of the order. \* \*

**SUBLIME** The Master Mason's degree is thus styled on account of the grand and sublime doctrines it teaches.

**SUBLIME GRAND LODGE.** A term applied to the Lodge of Perfection.

**SUBLIME KNIGHT ELECT.** sometimes called **TWELVE ILLUSTRIOUS KNIGHTS.** The 11th degree of the Ancient and Accepted rite. This degree completes the series of Elect degrees viz: Elect of Nine, Elect of Fifteen and Sublime Knight Elect. The legend of this degree specifies that after vengeance had been taken on the traitors, Solomon, to reward those who had remained faithful to their trust, as well as to make room for the exaltation of others to the degree of Elect of Fifteen: appointed twelve of these latter, chosen by their companions, to constitute a new degree, on which he bestowed the title of Sublime Elect, and endowed them with a certain command to provide supplies for the king and his household; to see that the taxes were fairly assessed; to superintend the collection of the revenue; and to protect the people against rapacity and extortion of the tax-gatherers. In this degree is shadowed forth the great principle—free constitutions, without which liberty would often be but a name—the trial by jury of twelve men, whose unanimous verdict is necessary to convict of crime.

The assembly is called a Chapter. It is lighted with twelve lights, by threes, in the East, West, North, and South; each three forming an equilateral triangle. The presiding officer represents King Solomon, and is styled thrice Illustrious Sovereign; the two Wardens are styled Inspectors; the Chapter consists of twelve members only. The apron is white, lined, edged and fringed with black, and the flap is black. In the middle of the apron is painted or embroidered a flaming heart. The sash is a black ribbon, worn from right to left, and on which, over the breast, is painted or embroidered, a flaming heart; and over that the words, Vincere aut Mori. The jewel is a sword, worn suspended to the sash. (History and Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry by Macey Oliver, Page 358-359-360-362-363.)

The Curtain Falls.

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### EDITOR CRESSET:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to call up my old friend Montana. Where be you, Montana?

Oh where! Oh where!! is Montana.

His voice I cannot hear any more;

Has he perished and died by the cold winter blasts,

Or got buried up there in the snow.

Well if you are living, Montana,

Which I always hope that you be,

You had better come back to old Missouri;

Where there is always something to eat,

There is always pleasure and sunshine,

And you won't have to live on cold air.

You told us of fortune that is made in a day,

Of the great wealth that is there in store,

But we find it the substance of Dime Novel Stories

And all a delusion of the brain.

Then come back to Missouri and learn how to dig,

And a fortune you will find I am sure;

For whoever gets rich must labor and dig,

And lay up there substance in store.

Just wait till the crops are all gathered,

And our labors are all set aside,

Then our gold will roll in on toboggain hides,

While your gold will be stuck in the brain;

Just think of the crops we are raising,

And horses and mules by the score;

Then we can take all the lassies out riding,

To enjoy the sunshine and pure air.

You take the sons of Missouri.

You will find they can all labor and dig;

And when ever they are in need of a dollar;

There is always one to be found.

Just look at the lassies of Missouri,

How tidy and handsome they appear,

You will find them all versed in the science of labor,

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